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REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the present Application. Claims 29 – 35 have been cancelled without prejudice to facilitate allowance of the present application. Claims 1 – 28 have been allowed. Hence, all of the remaining claims of the present application have been allowed. Allowance of the case is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 29 – 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,013,845 to Allan et al. Claims 29 – 35 have been cancelled to facilitate allowance of the present application, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 29 – 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,847,805 to Voedisch. Claims 29 – 35 have been cancelled to facilitate allowance of the present application, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

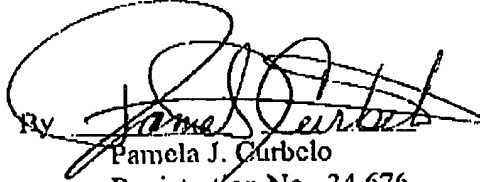
It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein are allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the case are respectfully requested.

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